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## Alumnus of the Month

### The Next Governor

TWO YEARS ago, the president of Alabama's Public Service Commission received one of the most whopping votes of confidence ever given a public official by the citizens of the state. Gordon Persons, '25, was awarded 233,000 votes, as compared to 41,000 for both of his opponents.

One month ago, in a race for governor of Alabama which included 15 contestants, all prominent men in the state, Gordon Persons polled 50,000 more votes than his closest opponent. When that opponent decided on May 11 not to participate in a run-off, Mr. Persons automatically became "Alabama's next governor," election in the Democratic primaries being tantamount to actual election.

#### Aggressive Campaign

ALABAMA has just seen one of the most aggressive campaigns for the highest state office ever waged. Entering the governorship race in October of last year, Gordon Persons initiated his travel to every nook of the state in February. Because he wanted to see and talk to as many people as possible, he traveled by air in a helicopter which received a full page spread in Life Magazine.

The helicopter could land anywhere; a landing field was not necessary. When he came to Auburn, the next governor brought his 'copter down on the campus in front of Ross Chemical Building.

Mr. Person's helicopter was equipped with a loudspeaker, so that talks could be made everywhere. And talk this electrical engineering alumnus did—in a straightforward way which carried his public service ideals into the homes and hearts of Alabamians.

Admittedly, Gordon Persons has a good chance to become Alabama's next governor, said the politically minded before May. But, they opined, his platform is far too honest and it will

probably keep him out of the highest office.

The voters of Alabama thought differently. Exercising keen judgment, they carefully studied the 15 candidates for governor this year. And when the polls were opened on the morning of May 1, an overwhelming spirit—that of the average Alabama citizen—swept the state in favor of Gordon Persons.

The voters perhaps liked Mr. Persons' honest way of not only saying what he did stand for, but also what he did not stand for.

#### Partial Persons Platform

THE 48-year-old Public Service Commission president pledged not to seek additional taxes, but rather to fight for reduced taxes. He came out specifically for cutting the price of auto tags to a flat \$3.

But he made one possible reservation as far as taxes are concerned—and that on education. He emphasized that he would work with the Alabama Legislature and educational leaders for an adequate school program.

"I favor," said the next governor, "a progressive program of modernization and construction of school buildings and safe school buses. The present income of teachers must at least be maintained and an adequate retirement program provided for them."

In the way of agriculture, Mr. Persons stated: "Rural life must be made more attractive for our present and future farmers. Our 'Farm-to-Market Road System' must be modernized. I promise a progressive program of agricultural education. I am vitally interested in our rural youth and I will offer every encouragement in their 4-H and FFA Club work."

Alabama's rural electrification program must be completed, Mr. Persons



GORDON PERSONS, '25, received 137,000 votes from Alabama citizens on May 1—such a plurality for Democratic nomination for the governorship that

the runner-up dropped out of a widely expected run-off. Winning of Democratic nomination in the state primaries is tantamount to election in Alabama

continued, and he indicated that Alabama needs better telephone service.

These were several of the ideas which Gordon Persons talked about in his many speeches to the people of Alabama.

#### An Auburn Family

GORDON Persons is a member of a family of Auburn alumni. His father, the late Frank S. Persons, for many years a Montgomery druggist, was a member of one of Auburn's older classes, and three of his older brothers are listed on Auburn rolls: J. R. Persons, '09, deceased, Colonel John W. Persons, '16, with the AF at Langley Field, Virginia, and Major General

Wilton B. Persons, '16, who recently retired from Army service and is now superintendent of Staunton Military Academy in Virginia.

His other brother, the Reverend Frank S. Persons, is an Episcopal minister in Bastrop, Louisiana.

#### His Career

NOT long after his Auburn days, Mr. Persons started a radio parts store—back "in the old crystal-sets" days. In 1930 he promoted and became president of Montgomery's first radio station, WSFA, and five years later was appointed president of the Rural Electrification Authority, a position which

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### Quotes from Persons

**State Government:** "There is nothing wrong with Alabama that four years of good government will not correct. We must tighten up our purse strings and stop needless extravagance."

**Veterans:** "I believe that what most veterans want is an honestly run government and a chance to make a good, honest living. Just for the sake of vote getting, I cannot promise what I know cannot be fulfilled; for example, a costly veterans' bonus."

**Merit System:** "I am for the merit system. I think it should be written into the state constitution. This is the only right way to give security to state employees and keep them from being kicked around like a political football every four years."

**Convict Department:** "Our convict department is in need of overhauling from top to bottom. I suggest the adoption of the 'Osborne' plan."



TRAVELING in a helicopter, Alabama Governor-Designate Gordon Persons made one of the most enterprising campaigns in state political history



# Workers for A Greater Auburn

THE Alumnews would appreciate alumni clubs adhering to the following club news deadlines for summer issues: for the July issue, June 9; for the August issue, July 19; and for the September issue, August 16.

## Milwaukee

THE new Auburn Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin held a dinner and business meeting in the Mirror Room of Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel on March 31.

Officers elected at the meeting are: H. I. "Cotton" Watson, '43, president; Ted H. Kummer, '31, vice-president; Mrs. H. I. Watson, the former Mary Frances McDonald, '47, secretary; James M. White, '29, treasurer; and J. L. "Shorty" Singleton, '26, and William M. Wallace, '37, members of the executive committee.

As secretary of the club, Mrs. Watson will report Milwaukee club news to the Alumnews. Mr. Kummer, vice-president, is Wisconsin state chairman of the program for an Alumni House and Faculty Club at A.P.I.

## Washington, D. C.

NEW officers of the Washington Auburn Club are: John L. Wilson, '30, president; Major Oscar Burford, '39, vice-president; Carl J. Bastien, '42, secretary-treasurer; and General Edward W. Smith, '16, and Curtis W. Griffith, '39, members of the executive committee.

## Far East

THE Far East Auburn Club held its spring meeting at the Washington Heights Officers' Club in Tokyo.

Attending the meeting were Colonel Harry Lee Watts, Jr., and Mrs. Watts, Colonel I. R. Pollard, '12, and Mrs. Pollard, Lieutenant Colonel Carl Warren, '36, and Mrs. Warren, Major Carl Preer, '39, and Mrs. Preer.

Major J. A. Benford, '34, and Mrs. Benford, Major Will Chrietberg, '32,

and Mrs. Chrietberg, Major John F. Burgess, '41, and Mrs. Burgess, Captain A. L. Nottingham, '42, and Mrs. Nottingham, James Pilcher, '20, and Mrs. Pilcher, and George Danzey, '26.

Newcomers to the Far East Club were Mr. Pilcher, who has been appointed U. S. consul general in Yokohama, Japan, and Mr. Danzey, manager of the Japan office of American President Lines.

## Tuscaloosa County

THE Tuscaloosa County Auburn Club feasted on barbecue at its spring meeting, held May 9 at the Tuscaloosa Country Club, Tuscaloosa.

More than 100 Auburn alumni and friends were on hand to hear remarks by Dr. John M. Gallalee, president of the University of Alabama; A.P.I. President Ralph Draughon, '22; Travis Tidwell, '49, Auburn's All-SEC quarterback; Harry M. "Happy" Davis, '32, executive secretary of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Chuck Bernard, Auburn line coach.

A. Bernard Jordan, '49, president of the Tuscaloosa Auburn Club, started the May 9 informal program with an introduction of Colonel L. P. Hodnette, '17, master of ceremonies.

Colonel Hodnette introduced the main speakers, and there followed a showing of the '49 Auburn-Bama football game film. The program ended with the singing of the Auburn Alma Mater.

## Knoxville

THE Auburn Club of Knoxville, Tennessee, held a meeting on May 17. The program included a showing of the '49 Auburn-Bama football game film.

## Southern California

THE Auburn Club of Southern California held a meeting on April 11 at Miller's Steak House, Inglewood, California, reports the club's new secretary-treasurer, Willard S. Blunschi, '43.

Other officers elected at the April 11 meeting were Martin Mardirosian, '37, president, and W. S. Cohen, '43, vice-president.

Plans were made for the next meeting of the club's membership, which will be held September 13. At that time, there will be a showing of the '49 Auburn-Bama football game film.

Two new members have been added to the Southern California Club's roster: William R. Blakeney, '33, of Lucerne Valley, California, and William B. Covey, '49, of Santa Monica, California.

The new president, Mr. Mardirosian, is also chairman of the club's program for an Alumni House and Faculty Club at A.P.I.

## Kingsport, Tennessee

THE Auburn Club of Kingsport, Tennessee, held a meeting on May 5. The Kingsport Club has grown to a total active membership of 46.

Officers of the Kingsport Club are: John Hatfield, '41, president; R. J. "Bob" Scogin, '45, vice-president; Joelle Rush, '47, secretary-treasurer; and Ruth Walker, reporter.

George A. Walker, '41, is chairman of the Kingsport Club's program for an Alumni House and Faculty Club at A.P.I.

## Pittsburgh

THE newly formed Auburn Club of Pittsburgh held an organizational meeting on April 12. Attendance was good, even though the weather was stormy and snowy.

H. S. "Hank" McCreary, '47, was elected temporary chairman, and Thomas C. Pridmore, '46, was chosen head of the steering committee.

## Monroe County

THE Auburn Club of Monroe County held an organizational meeting and a showing of the '49 Auburn-Bama

football game film at Monroeville on April 24. Twenty-five alumni were present at the get-together.

Officers elected at the meeting include: A. V. Culpepper, '28, president; B. H. Stallworth, Jr., '29, vice-president; and James Robinson Harper, '45, secretary-treasurer.

## Luverne

THE Auburn Club of Luverne is a new and welcome addition to Auburn's growing roll of alumni clubs. J. D. Matthews, '27, is president of the Luverne Club, and S. T. Windham, '42, is secretary-treasurer.

The club will hold its annual meetings on the second Monday of February. In addition, it will hold a regular meeting on the third Thursday of August each year (August 17, 1950).

## Chattanooga

THE Auburn Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, held a meeting at 7:30 on the evening of April 12.

The program included a talk by Happy Davis, executive secretary of the Auburn Alumni Association, a showing of the '49 Auburn-Bama football game film, and an informal dance in the Baylor School gymnasium.

## Sylacauga-Talladega

THE Sylacauga and Talladega Auburn clubs presented trophies to Travis Tidwell, '49, and Max Autrey, who were voted best back and best line-man, respectively, by their teammates on secret ballots last fall.

The presentations were made at Talladega's Fair Park on May 13. John M. Hightower, '23, made the award on behalf of the Sylacauga Club, and Joe L. Wallis, '27, on behalf of the Talladega Club.

The Auburn coaching staff attended the meeting along with Virgil Willett and Jim McGowen, 1950 co-captains, and Coker Barton, 1949 alternate captain, who will be assistant coach at Sylacauga High School next fall.

## Alumni have priority

# Football Tickets

FOOTBALL ticket purchase orders are being mailed out by the Auburn Athletic Association before June 1, Coach Jeff Beard, '32, A.P.I. athletic business manager, announced to the Alumnews recently.

Alumni will be given priority from June 1 until July 15, a total of more than six weeks, according to Coach Beard. This is the first priority offered on 1950 games.

For the first year in its football history, Auburn will have three representative home games: with Southeastern Louisiana College on October 7, with Tulane on October 28, and with Clemson on November 25, Homecoming Day.

## Season Tickets

SEASON tickets to Auburn home games are being given priority over single-game purchases, since they will be filled between the 30-yard lines in the Cliff Hare Stadium. Those who purchase season tickets will be given the same seat for all three home games.

Season ticket order blanks, along with regular football ticket purchase orders, will be provided alumni.

## Limitations

TICKET limitations on four games have been established by the Athletic Association.

Alumni may purchase four tickets to the Georgia Tech game on October 21, six tickets to the Tulane game on October 28, four tickets to the University of Georgia game on November 18, and two tickets to the University of Alabama game on December 2.

## Prices

TICKET prices for a majority of the games have been reduced, Coach Beard stated. Prices are, for single tickets: Wofford, \$2.50; Vanderbilt, \$3.00; Southeastern Louisiana, \$2.50; Florida, \$3.75; Georgia Tech, \$4.20; Tulane, \$3.80; Mississippi State, \$4.00; Georgia, \$4.20; Clemson, \$3.50; and Alabama, \$4.20.

Auburn, directly responsible for reducing the Wofford, Southeastern Louisiana, Tulane, and Clemson prices, cooperated with the University of Alabama in reducing Auburn-Bama game prices. Only the prices of three games remain as much as they were in '49: Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, and Georgia.

To obtain priority, alumni must return their purchase orders to the Auburn Athletic Association before July 15.

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# Auburn in May

## New Chemistry Dean

DR. CHARLES R. Saunders, '23, has been appointed acting dean of the A.P.I. School of Chemistry to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dean Herbert M. Martin, '14, on April 16.

Dean Saunders, who received both his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Auburn, holds his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska.

Joining the A.P.I. faculty in 1932 as an assistant professor, Dean Saunders became a full professor in 1942. Before coming to Auburn in a professional capacity, he was chemistry instructor at Pennsylvania's LaFayette College and research chemist with DuPont.

Dean Saunders is a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, Alpha Chi Sigma, Sigma Xi, and Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

In making the appointment, President Ralph Draughon stated: "Dr. Saunders has a long and distinguished record of service with the Institution. I feel that the Institution is fortunate that Dr. Saunders has accepted the appointment as acting dean."

## Cub Editors

THE planet earth is full of cub reporters, but Auburn is one of the few places in the world which has a Cub editor and a Cub business manager.

Cub editor at Auburn is George Mann, senior in architecture from Montgomery, and Cub business manager is Bob Windham, senior in industrial management from Birmingham. They have been appointed to these top posts on the staff network of Auburn's 1950-51 Tiger Cub, student handbook.

## Biggest Glomerata

THE 1950 Glomerata, bigger by four pages than last year's issue, largest previous Glom in Auburn's history, came out on May 18. Edited by Harry Golemon, of Mobile, the '50 yearbook contains 436 pages.

On May 17, Glomerata staff members held their annual staff banquet at the Clement Hotel in Opelika.

## Carnival Queen

KATHERINE Jones, of Salem, was crowned queen of the A.P.I. Engineers' Carnival, held on May 4. Katherine was chosen Carnival queen in a penny-a-vote student election.

Each spring, Auburn engineers place concessions and exhibits on the campus in front of Ross Building. The queen was selected from a field of 13 candidates.

## Dunstan Portrait

A PORTRAIT of Dr. Arthur St. Charles Dunstan, '89, who has devoted 51 years of his life to the electrical engineering curriculum at Auburn, was presented to the School of Engineering library on May 4 by Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering fraternity.

Conrad Crow, senior in electrical engineering from Bluefield, West Virginia, presented the painting on behalf of Eta Kappa Nu. Dean J. E. Hannum accepted it in the name of the School of Engineering.

Dr. Dunstan, head of the department of electrical engineering, made a short talk.

The Dunstan portrait was painted by Maltby Sykes, nationally known artist and A.P.I. associate professor of art.

## Knights' Orchestra

THE AUBURN Knights Orchestra, one of America's top college bands, was featured in a Langdon Hall concert on May 28.

Omicron Delta Kappa sponsored the concert, which was the Knights' last campus appearance of the school year.

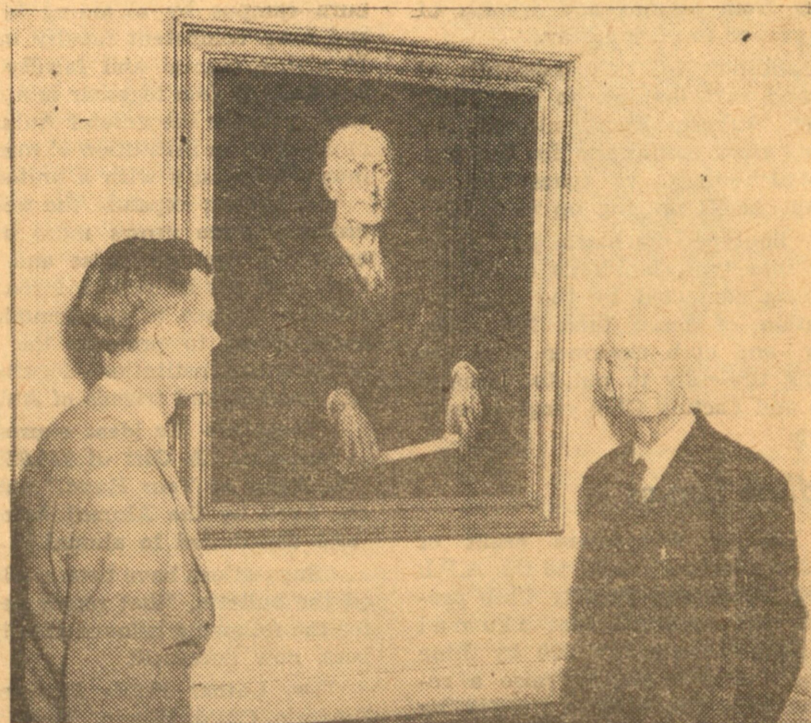
## First-Class Plainsman

THE Auburn Plainsman, A.P.I. student newspaper, was awarded a first-class honor rating in the Associated Collegiate Press' critical service for the period: September, 1949-January, 1950.

Present Plainsman officers served during that period. They are Editor Ed Crawford, of Nixburg; Managing Editor Graham McTeer, of Tallassee; and Business Manager Jim Haygood, of Montgomery.

## Student Affairs Aide

JAMES Edgar Foy, former assistant to the University of Alabama dean of students, has been named A.P.I. assistant director of student affairs, to



ETA Kappa Nu presented a portrait painting of Dr. A.S.C. Dunstan to the School of Engineering on May

4. Conrad Crow, standing here with Dr. Dunstan, presented the portrait on behalf of Eta Kappa Nu

succeed L. P. Bradley, who has resigned to resume graduate work.

A veteran of Navy service during World War II, Mr. Foy holds his A.B. degree from the University of Alabama. His grandfather, father, two uncles, and two brothers are Auburn graduates.

## Commencement

DR. LAWRENCE H. Snyder, dean of the University of Oklahoma Graduate College, will deliver the commencement address to more than 670 graduates on June 3.

Commencement exercises will be held at 5 p.m. in Clifford Hare Stadium. Dr. Snyder's subject will be "Human Individuality and the Work of the World."

## Seniors Meet, Dance

MEMBERS of Auburn's senior class held a meeting in Langdon Hall the evening of May 23. The organizational meeting was followed by a dance and serving of refreshments. The Auburn Knights furnished music for the occasion.

The Alumni Association donated re-

freshments and sponsored the dance for seniors. Harry M. "Happy" Davis, '32, executive secretary of the Association, gave a brief talk on alumni work, and W. Scott Farley, '46, director of the A.P.I. Graduate Placement Bureau, gave an outlook on jobs.

## Dean Blake Honored

MAY 17 was "Dean Blake Day" at Auburn, as alumni and friends of Dean Lynn Stanford Blake gathered to honor the School of Pharmacy leader for his 37 years of service to A.P.I.

The "Dean Blake Day" program was presented by Rho Chi, honorary pharmacy society, and the Auburn student branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Principal speaker at the May 17 banquet honoring Dean Blake was W. C. Sugg, '31, member of the Alumni Association's executive committee and director of the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company's southeastern division. Professor George W. Hargreaves of the School of Pharmacy was toastmaster.

The Alumni Association sponsored a pre-banquet reception for Dean Blake.

## Sports in Brief

# Spring Athletics at Auburn

## Baseball

ENDING their 1950 baseball season with four straight victories over Vanderbilt, Plainsmen jumped from last to third-place berth in Eastern Division standings.

The diamond nine won 12 games and lost 13 for an all-game percentage of .480. Percentage in the Eastern Division stood at .583 won. Only Kentucky and Georgia finished above A.P.I.

Wins were gained throughout the season over Tampa University, Florida Southern, Mercer, Opelika Owls, Georgia Tech (two), Georgia, Florida, and Vanderbilt (four).

The 13 losses were made out to Florida (three), Mercer, Georgia (three), Georgia Tech (two); University of Alabama (three), and the Opelika Owls.

On April 21-22 in Athens, Georgia, Plainsmen split a two-game series with the University of Georgia. Georgia won the first game, 11-1. The Plainsmen, led by expert batter George Hill, took the second tilt, 10-7.

Auburn next split a two-game home series with the University of Florida on April 26-27. Scores were 5-4 in favor of Auburn in the first contest, and 5-3 in favor of the 'Gators in the second game of the series.

The University of Alabama defeated Plainsmen 17-1 and 17-0 in a May 3-4 series held at the loveliest village. Again, on May 12 in Tuscaloosa, the Tide won by a narrow margin, 9-7.

But the Plainsmen split a second series with Georgia Tech, played in Atlanta on May 5-6. Tech won the opener, 8-4, but Auburn took an 8-3 decision the following day.

The games with Vanderbilt were played in Nashville on May 15-16, and in Auburn on May 19-20. Auburn won each of the four games from the Commodores by the following scores: 6-4, 12-3, 9-4, and 12-4.

## Golf

PLAINSMEN golfers, having previously defeated Sewanee and Georgia Tech, gained runner-up spot in the Southern Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, played in Athens, Georgia, on April 27-28-29.

In a match with the University of Alabama in Columbus, Georgia, on May 10, the golf team set what are believed to be two collegiate records.

Buddy DeBardleben of Birmingham, Pat Poyner, of Dothan, Skipper Weatherby, of Mobile, and Allan Bates, of Selma, turned in a four-

ball, 18-hole score of 275, which is 13 strokes under the regulation 288 for the par 72 Columbus Country Club course.

DeBardleben, Poyner, and Weatherby negotiated the layout in 67 strokes, while Bates came in with a two-over-par 74 to give Auburn a "perfect score," 81-0, win over 'Bama.

## Track

PLACING third in the SEC Meet at Birmingham, May 19-20, Auburn's track team, paced by Whitey Overton, outstanding distance runner, ended the season with four wins out of a possible five. The Plainsmen, during the '50 season, defeated Mississippi State, the University of Georgia, the University of Florida, and Georgia Tech in dual meets. They were defeated only by the University of Alabama, and the final score in that meet was 65½-65½.



# Alumni House and Faculty Club

THE alumni program to raise \$100,000 for an Alumni House and Faculty Club at Auburn prepared to roll down the home stretch in full sail as contributions from alumni and friends of A.P.I. poured in during May.

In addition to their payments of dues and contributions to the Third Greater Auburn Fund, alumni are showing their enthusiasm for the project which they are sponsoring by sending checks ranging up to \$1,000.

As linotype machines put these words into type, hundreds of alumni are being contacted by the huge organization of more than 100 state, county, and club chairmen who are working tirelessly to put the Alumni House and Faculty Club program over the top.

## Deadline Looms

THE Bradley Foundation grant of \$50,000, made specifically to the A.P.I. Alumni House and Faculty Club project on the condition that alumni raise an additional \$100,000 by June 30, and that the faculty raise a remainder of not more than \$150,000 by loan or the issuance of first-mortgage bonds, hangs in the balance.

If alumni reach the goal of \$100,000 in the remaining four weeks of the Alumni House program, they will be able to place at A.P.I. a building reminding all of their loyalty to Auburn.

## The Program's Purpose

THE Alumni House and Faculty Club will serve a vital purpose on the Auburn campus by a) aiding to attract and keep competent faculty members, b) giving alumni and faculty an opportunity to join together in a common enterprise for the greater Auburn, and c) molding an institution of many units into a university with a united plan.

As Auburn expands, the need for a unifying force grows more acute. A combined Alumni House and Faculty Club will act as such a force. It will provide a place to get acquainted, to share ideas, to promote the welfare of the entire Institution—faculty, alumni, students, and friends of Auburn.

Those are the ideas expressed in a bulletin, "A Gift of \$50,000 is in the Palm of Your Hand," published in April by the Alumni Association and distributed to alumni.

"Suggestions have been made," stated the bulletin, "that rooms be named for the following beloved faculty members, now deceased:

"Dr. Luther Noble Duncan, Dean Frederic Child Biggin, Dean Charles Allen Cary, Dean Clifford Leroy Hare, Dean George Petrie, Dean Bennett Battle Ross, Dean John J. Wilmore, Dr. John Hodges Drake, and Professor J. M. Robinson."

Another name has been suggested since the publication of the bul-

letin: Dean Herbert M. Martin, who died on April 16.

Alumni may contribute to the memory of these late faculty members, and the interest shown will be referred to the National Building Advisory Committee for further consideration. Alumni should indicate their preference when they mail their contributions.

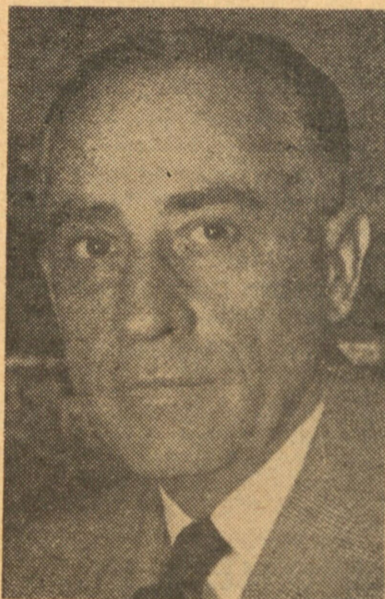
## How to Contribute

CONTRIBUTIONS should be made payable to the Auburn Alumni As-

sociation and marked "for Alumni House and Faculty Club." The contribution is a deductible item on income tax returns.

A contribution to the Alumni House and Faculty Club will place the name of the donor in a reserved section of the 1849-50 Loyalty Roll Call of the Third Greater Auburn Fund.

Members of the faculty have already organized the A.P.I. Faculty Club, with dues of \$20 each year for 30 years.



Ed Roberts, of Mobile, chairman of the board, Waterman Steamship Corporation, the world's largest steamship company, and chairman of the Alumni House National Building Advisory Committee, has issued the call to all alumni that each must participate if the Alumni House and Faculty Club program is to be a success. Any delay in forwarding contributions could prove disastrous to the program to raise the necessary funds by June 30, 1950, according to Mr. Roberts.

## Research-Instruction-Extension

### Prices in a

## Sound Agriculture

By P. O. Davis, '16, Director

A.P.I. Agricultural Extension Service

PUBLIC concern about price support of farm products grows. More people are discussing it, and a new organization, with headquarters in New York City, has for its primary aim the end of these supports.

Opponents have a feeling that their tax money is being used to make prices higher when they buy at the market. Whether or not this is true to any appreciable extent is doubtful. It is not the main point of this discussion.



At the outset we must admit that a sound agriculture is essential to a sound national eco-

Director Davis notes. History teaches us that when prices of farm products were too low the national economy was low.

The well-remembered depression of the '30s was the Number One example of this. It was a tragic aftermath of the collapse of the farm economy which began in the early '20s with poverty prices for farm products—not with insufficient production, but with surpluses which contributed to a price collapse.

### Schoff Statement

On this Leonard Hastings Schoff made an impressive statement in a bulletin prepared for the Columbia University Seminar on Rural Life, as follows:

"Food abundance has reduced farm income. Stating the facts plainly, the wonderful, unprecedented supply and variety of food which has been avail-

able to all the people of this country, through all the years of its history, have been priced in free competition—because of abundance—from 15 per cent to 30 per cent lower than would have been the case if the over-all production had averaged ten per cent less in quantity."

### Paradoxical Situation

He continued: "It seems to be a paradox that an apparent surplus of farm products, an abundance of food in a hungry world, can present a problem of hazard to farmers and of unemployment to an industrial population. Surely this is a situation that cries aloud for remedy. It has been crying aloud for remedy for the past 25 years. The problem has not yet been solved."

It is tragic that if U.S. farmers had produced in the past ten per cent less they would have received 20 to 30 per cent more income. To correct this deplorable situation is the main aim of the price support program.

Mr. Schoff added: "Farm products are almost the only products in this country, the selling prices of which are determined by free competition, without any direct control by the producer."

We of the A.P.I. Extension Service are vitally concerned about it. We recognize it as the Number One agricultural economic challenge to the American people.

Stability of prices of farm products at a level high enough for a sound agriculture is absolutely essential. On the other hand, it should be low enough to maintain farmer initiative and effort under a system of free enterprise which is the heart of a sound democracy.

### Progress in Alabama

## Livestock Production

By J. G. Thomas, Jr., Assistant Agricultural Economist

A.P.I. Agricultural Experiment Station

IN 1925 there were 1,166,432 people on 237,631 farms in Alabama. Twenty years later, in 1945, these numbers had been reduced to 1,000,657 farm people and 223,369 farms. Although there was a reduction in both farm population and in number of farms, on the average Alabama farms in 1945 were providing food in the form of livestock products for more people than they were in 1925.

In some cases the increase in production was, of course, greater than in others. Each farmer, on the average, supplied eight people with beef and veal in 1945, whereas in 1925 he supplied only three people; he supplied eight people with chickens, eggs, and milk in 1945, compared to five in 1925; and he supplied nine people with pork and lard in 1945, compared to six in 1925.

The question that immediately comes to mind is: "Why could each farmer supply food for a larger number of people in 1945 than he did in 1925?"

A partial answer to this question may be obtained by considering the following factors:

a) Increase in mechanization—The number of horses and mules in Alabama decreased from 393,000 in 1925 to 335,000 in 1945. During the same period, the number of tractors increased from 2,465 to 17,060. When mechanical power is substituted for draft animals, the hay, pasture, and grains formerly used to feed horses and mules are released to produce milk, pork, eggs, beef, and other animal products.

This substitution increases the proportion of the farm output that may be used as food. At the same time, mechanization reduces labor re-

quirements for the production of crops. This reduction in labor requirements enables farmers to handle larger acreages than previously, or the extra time may be used to handle new enterprises.

b) Use of more fertilizer and conservation practices—in 1925 approximately 598,000 tons of commercial fertilizer were used by Alabama farmers, compared to 781,000 tons in 1945. Also, through crop rotations, cover crops, and other conservation practices, farmers have made progress in maintaining and increasing soil fertility.

c) Better farm management—The fact that 51 per cent of our farm operators owned land in 1945, as compared to 39 per cent in 1925, would indicate that farmers have more interest in their farms and are perhaps following better farm management practices.

d) Other improvements—The use of improved strains and varieties of crops and new and improved breeds of livestock and the development and care of pastures have contributed to the progress made by farmers from 1925 to 1945.

These and other factors indicate why in 1945 fewer farmers supplied a larger number of people with livestock products than in 1925. Accurate data on number of farms and farm people in Alabama since 1945 are not available, and total annual production has varied somewhat since that time.

However, there are many indications that improvements in the foundation for livestock expansion, particularly in home production of feed, has been at least maintained from 1945 to the present time.



# The School of Naval Science

IN THE early months of World War II the Navy called upon Auburn for training facilities to implement rapid Naval wartime expansion. Based upon the experience of several successful war training programs, Navy-Auburn team work developed.

After the war it was recognized that an adequate flow of officers into the expanded Navy would exceed the Naval Academy output. Thus, it was decided that civilian colleges would be asked to supply additional officers.

Since modern naval strategy calls for physicists, industrial managers, engineers of all types, and countless other specialists, one reason for this decision being preferable to Naval Academy expansion was the need for officers of diversified academic training.

## Auburn Chosen

TWENTY-SIX NROTC units were added to the 26 that had been active before the war, and A.P.I. was invited to quarter one of the new units. President Ralph Draughon took an active part in the acceptance negotiations, which placed Auburn with Northwestern, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, Yale, and Stanford as one of 52 colleges and universities having NROTC units.

Although the Navy had been at Auburn during the war, the permanent program, or Holloway Plan, began at A.P.I. in the fall of 1946.

## Nationwide Selection

ANNUALLY the Navy engages a civilian educational testing organization to conduct a nationwide competitive examination for its "Regular" NROTC program. Eligible are high school seniors and high school graduates in or out of college between the ages of 17 and 21. This written test is followed by a strict physical examination and preliminary interviews.

Final selection is in the hands of state selection boards, where educators and other civilian leaders are in the majority. The selection is so constructed as to be absolutely impartial.

The applicant for Navy training lists

in order the NROTC colleges of his choice. His nationwide standing determines whether or not he gets his choice.

In practice, the student usually selects a school near home, so A.P.I. NROTC has many southern students. However, some highly rated young men from other sections have selected Auburn as a high choice out of the 52 colleges available.

Often the enthusiasm of an Auburn alumnus brings to A.P.I. a fine student from the North or West. Each NROTC institution has an annual quota of 38 Regular NROTC freshman students, whereas the state quota of Regular students is based on the latest census of the number of high school graduates from that state in relation to total nationwide high school graduates for the same year. A few are selected from the enlisted ranks of the Navy and the Marine Corps.

## Navy Requirements

UNDER the Navy program the student may pursue nearly any path of study he chooses. Because dental, medical, theology, veterinary, pharmacy, music, and art curricula either have little bearing upon a Navy career or conflict with the officer procurement procedures, these courses are not acceptable in the NROTC program.

The Navy student is required to maintain a good scholastic average, and he must also show positive proof of leadership ability. In short, training for Navy leadership must be justified by campus leadership while under training.

## Navy Courses and Aid

FOR five hours a week, which includes two drill periods, the Navy student receives instruction in Naval Science. Quarterly credit for this academic work totals three hours.

The Navy midshipman at Auburn has his tuition and fees paid. In addition, the Navy provides him with all his books and necessary uniforms, and he receives \$50 each month.

## Contract Program

FOR the student who prefers a reserve commission the Navy offers a "Contract" program. Annually, a limited number of freshmen applicants are chosen to take the same course of instruction as "Regular" students.

But only one summer cruise is required of the Contract student, as compared to three for the Regular NROTC students. On the other hand, the financial aid is less and is extended only for the last two years of instruction. Many contract students decide to compete, and they often win, in the nationwide examination for the Regular program.

## Travel

EACH summer for three years Regular NROTC students go on a training cruise. Two summers out of the three are spent in cruises at sea. Auburn NROTC students have seen Hawaii, Panama, and Europe, and this summer they will go to New England and the Caribbean.

One summer is spent in comprehensive aviation and amphibious training at Pensacola and Norfolk. Captain L. M. Markham, A.P.I. NROTC commandant and ex-destroyer skipper, was selected by the Navy Department to handle the hundreds of midshipmen in the aviation phase last summer and set many of the policies to be followed there this summer.

## Campus Leadership

BECAUSE of the Navy's high standards of selection, and because of the keen competition for entrance into the Navy program, the NROTC students are of leadership calibre. They hold membership in a large number of campus organizations, and have organized an Auburn honorary naval fraternity, Steerage.

The A.P.I. NROTC students hold a traditional Ring Dance each spring.

## The First Class—'50

WHILE a few of the World War II trainees who stayed on at Auburn have been commissioned, the class which



CAPTAIN L. M. Markham, Jr., is the second A.P.I. commandant of NROTC

graduates this month is the first under the Holloway Plan. It is, therefore, a good time to evaluate the Navy at Auburn.

Captain J. W. Callahan, first NROTC commandant at Auburn, launched the Navy class of '50 and carried them through to 1948, when the current professor of naval science, Captain L. M. Markham, Jr., reported for duty at "Navy Auburn." Captain Markham is assisted by a staff of five officers and seven enlisted men. Lieutenant H. C. "Jerry" Watkins, '48, represents A.P.I. on the staff.

On graduation the A.P.I. NROTC alumnus becomes a regular officer in the Navy or Marine Corps—on equal standing with the Naval Academy graduate.

## Auburn-Navy Ties

THE SCHOOL with an established NROTC unit is often awarded other Navy contracts. For example, naval officers selected from enlisted ranks and from civilian life during the war—who missed completion of college—are being sent to A.P.I. by the Navy to round out their educational training. This program is called the Five-Term Officer Program.

Auburn has, in addition, a very active Naval Reserve Research Unit which is working on higher naval problems.

## Third A.P.I. military curriculum

# School of Air Science and Tactics

INITIATED at Auburn in 1946, the "Air ROTC" curriculum became a separate school in July, 1949. Lieutenant Colonel James C. Stewart, '38, who came to Auburn in '46 as the first instructor of air science and tactics, was made head of the new A.P.I. School of Air Science and Tactics upon its creation.

Today, five officers and four airmen handle the curriculum for a quarterly average of more than 500 students, 120 of these on the advanced level, and approximately 380 on the freshman and sophomore level.

## Specialization

NOT until they attain sophomore standing are students allowed to begin a minimum of specialization in one of the two basic AF fields of study offered at A.P.I.: a) aircraft maintenance engineering or b) administration and logistics. Like 131 other institutions having "Air ROTC," Auburn lets the juniors and seniors direct their abilities into those areas of air study which are most compatible with their skills.

As commanding officer of Air ROTC at Auburn, Colonel Stewart is admin-



COLONEL James C. Stewart, '38, heads the new A.P.I. School of Air Science

istrative officer of the School of Air Science and Tactics. Lieutenant Colonel George T. Taaffe handles the courses in aircraft maintenance engi-

neering, and Capt James O. Collier, the courses in administration and logistics.

## Other Fields

IF a student pursues his AF study with a plan in mind of ultimately entering the Air Force, he may further study communications, armament, air installations, public information, and comptrollership. Auburn Air ROTC gives some training in these areas.

In the fall quarter of each year outstanding basic ROTC students are selected for advanced work. Those accepted receive \$27 per month and three hours of credit toward their degrees. As in ROTC, veterans are eligible for advanced Air ROTC.

Air ROTC students use most of the same equipment employed by Auburn's ROTC students and housed in the AF-Army-Navy Hangar. Headquarters of the School of Air Science and Tactics is in Samford Hall, and lectures are carried on in temporary building classrooms.

Many plans are in the offing for Auburn's Air ROTC students. It is even now proposed in Congress that

air students receive 25 hours of pilot training. If funds for such are approved, then this new plan will go into effect next September.

## Colonel Stewart

THE first and only commandant of A.P.I. Air ROTC is a member of the Auburn class of '38 and a former member of the A.P.I. Extension Service staff in DeKalb County.

Joining the Extension Service immediately upon receiving his B.S. degree, Colonel James Stewart three years later was called to active duty and attended flight school.

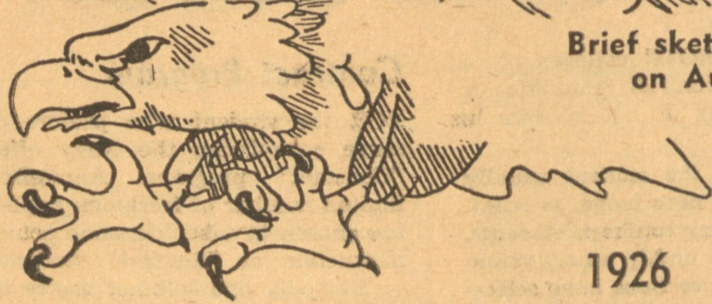
After extensive training, he went overseas in October, 1943, with the 358th Fighter Group, Ninth AF, and rang up 95 fighter missions before returning Stateside with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 13 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Stationed at various Stateside posts, Colonel Stewart returned to his alma mater in 1946 to establish the Air ROTC unit and the School of Air Science and Tactics.



# Alumnualities

Brief sketches and news items  
on Auburn's sons and  
daughters



1894

**DEATH:** Lauriston G. Moore, widely known Tampa, Florida, real estate developer, died at his home in Tampa on April 12. A native of Lenoir, North Carolina, Mr. Moore was employed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Atlanta, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida, for several years after his graduation. He entered the real estate business in Jacksonville in 1902, and was associated with Telfair Stockton and Company there for a long period. Mr. Moore was a member of the Tampa Rotary Club, the Tampa Board of Realtors, and Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. He was a 32nd degree Mason and past potentate of Morocco Temple of Shrine at Jacksonville. He also held membership in Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

1903

Dedicatory services were held on March 31 for Birmingham's new Carraway Methodist Hospital. Dr. C. N. Carraway, chairman of the new hospital's board of directors, participated in the ceremonies.

1909

William S. "Bill" Dennis is an engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads in Montgomery. Mr. Dennis' son, W. S., Jr., is a member of the class of '48.

1910

Major James R. Strickland is now stationed at Greenville AF Base, South Carolina. . . . Judge Walter B. Jones, president of Jones Law School in Montgomery, presented diplomas to three Auburn alumni and graduates of the Jones School on April 11. The graduates were Patrick H. McGlynn, '43, B. C. Pope, Jr., '33, and Wiley H. Parkmon, '40.



1911

Asa H. Skinner, retired Army colonel, now lives in Nashville, Tennessee. . . . Auburn representatives-alumni attending the annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association, April 7-8, were O. P. South, '11, Dr. A. W. Reynolds, '12, Sidney W. Johnson, '21, A.P.I. President R. B. Draughon, '22, O. T. Ivey, '26, and Mrs. Ivey, the former Carolyn Lawson, '34, L. O. Brackeen, '27, A. B. Metzger, '38, and Mrs. Metzger, the former Addie Crowder, '44.

1915

Recent addition to the Alumni Office roll of loyal Auburn men and women is Richard Henry Cunningham, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, who obtained his B.S. from A.P.I. in electrical engineering.

1917

**DEATH:** Tilghman Anderson Turner, Montgomery insurance agent and a former president of the Auburn Alumni Association, died at a Montgomery hospital on April 14. At the time of his death Mr. Turner was president of the Turner Insurance and Bonding Company. A resident of Montgomery for the past quarter-century, he served as a colonel on the governor's staff during Governor Frank Dixon's administration. Mr. Turner was a deacon of the Trinity Presbyterian Church; a member of the Montgomery Lions Club, and a veteran of World War I.

Carey C. Robinson is with the Frederick H. Woodward realty firm in Miami Beach, Florida.

1921

Clifford G. Davis is a partner in the Victoria, Texas, engineering firm of Johnston, Johnston, and Davis. Mr. Davis, after leaving Auburn, worked with the Cameron County, Texas, engineering office, then became superintendent of construction at San Benito, Texas. In 1933 he went with the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, and resigned in December, 1948, to enter private practice.

1922

A. D. Knapp, of Brooklyn, New York, who is now with Knapp Coal Company, dropped by the Alumni Office on April 22. Mr. Knapp was in Auburn to enter his daughter in the School of Home Economics. . . . Another resident of Brooklyn is Thomas Neely, who graduated from Auburn in electrical engineering.

1923

James G. Stephenson is a consulting and application engineer with Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Stephenson is a member of the Atlanta Auburn Club.

1924

Dr. Hugh Hare, radiologist at Lahey Clinic, Boston, Massachusetts, is co-developer with Dr. John Trump, Massachusetts Institute of Technology physicist, of a new type of X-ray cancer treatment. Under the method of treatment developed by Dr. Hare and Dr. Trump, the patient sits in a slowly revolving chair before an X-ray machine. Rays hit the tumor continuously, but the point where they enter the body changes constantly. Of 53 men and women treated by the new method at MIT since last October, all but two have been substantially benefited. Dr. Hare's work was featured in the April 17 issue of Life.



1925

Dr. Donald F. "Don" Cathcart is practicing medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, where he holds membership in the Atlanta Auburn Club. Dr. Cathcart, who obtained his M.D. degree at Tulane, is also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is now international president of Phi Chi medical fraternity.

1926

Douglas Wesley "Steve" Killian is an engineer with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Birmingham. Mr. Killian, who is married to the former Lovanna Crozet, has two daughters, Marie Elizabeth, 18, and Mary Lou, 14. He is a member of the Jefferson County Auburn Club. . . . Elta Majors is extension child care and family life specialist with the A.P.I. Extension Service. Miss Majors holds her master's degree from the University of Tennessee.



William Dryden, assistant to Dr. Russell S. Poor, chairman of the University Relations Division of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, visited Auburn in the latter part of April in connection with Oak Ridge's traveling lecture program. A.P.I. is one of Oak Ridge's 24 sponsoring institutions.

1927

**BIRTH:** A daughter, Ruth Lenox, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smyth, Jr., of Opelika, on April 14. Mr. Smyth is a member of the class of '27.

Norman A. Nielson, of Baltimore, Maryland, sends his best wishes for the 1950 football team.

1929

**DEATH:** Henry Tupper Drane, purchasing agent for Mississippi Power and Light Company, with offices in Jackson, Mississippi, was drowned on March 25 while attempting to save the life of a companion who had fallen from a boat into the rough Gulf of Mexico waters. Mr. Drane had been associated with Mississippi Power and Light Company for many years, and he was vice president of the Mississippi Association of Purchasing Agents. Mr. Drane was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Jackson and a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

Charles Hoyt Ellis is a consulting engineer in Birmingham. Mr. Ellis entered private engineering practice in 1943. . . . John Thompson McAllister is a public relations representative for Standard Oil Development Company, with offices in Linden, New Jersey. Mr. McAllister holds membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. . . . George Spencer Russell is with Arnold, Keller, and Smith, certified public accountants in Birmingham. Mr. Russell will be remembered by his classmates as a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

1930

James John Keith is with Shook and Fletcher Supply Company in Birmingham. . . . Louie James, of Opelika, has been elected president of the Auburn-Opelika Life Underwriters Association. . . . Hugh Whatley, another Opelikan, has been elected vice president of the Opelika Rotary Club to serve during the 1950-51 term. At the same time Henry Carson Jackson, '41, was elected a member of the club's board of directors.

1931

Wilton W. Eubanks is director of landscaping and agricultural operations at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. After graduating from A.P.I., Mr. Eubanks taught vocational agriculture at Benton and Franklinton, Louisiana, for 11 years. In 1942 he was appointed professor of agriculture and horticulture at Perkinson Junior College, Perkinston, Mississippi, and received his present position in 1946. Mr. Eubanks, a member of Alpha Tau Alpha, honorary agricultural fraternity, holds his master's degree from LSU. He and Mrs. Eubanks, the former Audrey Rogers, operate a greenhouse and floral department, and they propagate azaleas, camellias, and shrubbery for the Mississippi Southern landscape program. . . . Major Gerald D. Waits is general manager of the Pine Bluff Arsenal Exchange, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. . . . Margaret Williams, of Opelika, has been elected vice president of the Opelika Teachers Association.



Mr. Eubanks

1932

**BIRTHS:** A daughter, Emily Pratt, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Whatley, of Opelika, on March 26. Mr. Whatley is a member of the class of '32. . . . A son, Monty Lee, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Mims, of Opelika, on March 29. Dr. Mims is a member of the class of '32.

**DEATH:** Henry E. Breedlove, who was in the employ of the Mobile Health Department, died on January 4.

J. C. Kennamer is supply officer at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas. . . . James B. Nix is with the Joliet Arsenal, Joliet, Illinois.

1933

William Ike English is chief engineer with Burlington Mills Corporation, Greensboro, North Carolina. Married to the former Eugenia Peacock, Mr. English has three children, Roger, 10, Bret, 3, and Sally, 1. He is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. . . . Charles M. Cannon, Jr., has been named a member of the Opelika School Board for a term of five years.



Mr. English

1934

Marshall Edwin Pruett is county engineer of Tallapoosa County, with headquarters in Dadeville. Mr. Pruett is a veteran of four and one half years in the armed services during World War II.

## Wolverine Alumni

TWENTY-FIVE alumni are now working in Calumet and Hecla Consolidated Copper Company's Wolverine Tube Division at Decatur.

The former students and graduates are Frederick P. Adams, '42, of Decatur; Raymond L. Adams, '48, Decatur; Robert Allison Allen, '49, Decatur; Bloomfield Miller Cornell, '27, Decatur; Thomas O. Davidson, '49, Decatur; Thomas D. Drinkard, '49, Decatur; Fletcher Calvin Eddens, '49, Decatur; James Leeman Gibson, '44, Hartselle.

Paul E. Harrison, '49, Decatur; Judson Hawthorne, '49, Decatur;

Charles Elliott Howell, '30, Hartselle; John Palmer Howland, '48, Decatur; Jack Herring Jones, '48, Decatur; Howell Glenn Long, '30, Hartselle; Martin Long, Decatur.

William Bailey Lyle, '48, Decatur; Donald A. Nebrig, '47, Decatur; Sam Nettles, '42, Decatur; Samuel L. Patton, '47, Decatur; Doris Nelle Payne, '44, Hartselle; Bruce Ross, '44, Hartselle; James Jackson Summerford, Jr., '44, Danville; Fred Trimble, '43, Decatur; Edward A. Wright, '48, Decatur.

\*Indicates alumni who are not recorded on Alumni Office files.



# Alumnalities

## 1935

**Dr. John Edwin Beck** is practicing medicine in Decatur, Georgia. Dr. Beck, a member of the Atlanta Auburn Club and Sigma Nu fraternity, holds his M.D. degree from the University of Virginia. Married to the former Betty Shell, he has three daughters, Nancy, 6, Frances, 4, and Betty, 3. . . . **Leonard Cleveland Brown** is assistant agency manager, Montgomery Branch Office, New York Life Insurance Company. Mr. Brown is a member of the Montgomery Lions Club, the Montgomery Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a former president of the Montgomery Association of Life Underwriters. He was a member of Auburn's varsity football squad in '32, '33, and '34.

## 1936

**DEATH:** Henry Calvin Arant, of Dadeville, died on April 25. Mr. Arant was the brother of Dr. Frank S. Arant, '26, head of the A.P.I. department of zoology and entomology.

**Albert George Blomquist** is with the Monsanto Chemical Company in Anniston. . . . **Thomas Richard Head** is principal of the Rockwood School, Elmore County. Mr. Head resides in Millbrook. . . . **Ralph Wayne Steele** is a mechanical engineer with Ford, Bacon, and Davis, Inc., New York City. Mr. Steele is a member of the Greater New York Auburn Club and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

## 1937

Five Auburn alumni are included among the new officers of the Lafayette Kiwanis Club: **A. C. Farrington**, '37, **Frank Chambers**, '38, **Morse Haynes**, '41, **Fred Trammell**, '41, and **Albert Parker**, '49. . . .



**Clyde R. Moses** is practicing veterinary medicine in Georgetown, South Carolina, where he is building a small hospital for animals this year.

## 1938

**MARRIED:** Katherine Caroline Webb, of Marion, to Allison Davis Holmes, Jr., '38, of Gallion, on May 10. Mr. Holmes is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**Captain Norman A. Whitten** is at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, as an instructor in Air ROTC. . . . **Dr. A. Theodore "Ted" Grayev** is with the Vineland Animal Hospital in Vineland, New Jersey. . . . **William Moate Lamar** is with the Young Drug Company in Dothan. . . . **James H. Hancock** is in the private practice of structural engineering at Memphis, Tennessee. . . . **The Reverend Wilbur L. Walton** is minister of Ashland Place Methodist Church, Mobile.

## 1939

**MARRIED:** Mary Wood Pierson, of Centerville, to Samuel Wilson Montgomery, '39, of Roanoke, Virginia, in Brent on May 16. Mr. Montgomery, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, is a civil engineer with the U. S. Geological Survey.

**J. Sydney Cook, Jr.**, of Auburn, has been elected president of the Auburn Junior Chamber of Commerce. . . . **Lieutenant Colonel Lopez J. Mantoux, Jr.**, is stationed at Westover AF Base, Massachusetts. . . . **George R. Carter**, of Opelika, who is in the employ of the Soil Conservation Service, has been elected chairman of the Lee County USDA Council, organization of professional agricultural workers representing the various county agricultural agencies. **W. H. Taylor**, '40, also of Opelika, is secretary of the Council. . . . **Macon C. Ellis, Jr.**, head of the nine-

inch supersonic wind tunnel at Langley Aeronautical Laboratory, NACA, Langley Field, Virginia, spoke on "Some NACA Research on the Problems of Supersonic Flight" at the southeastern regional meeting of Institute of Aeronautical Sciences student branches, held April 21 at the University of Alabama.



## 1940

**Jack B. Cagle** owns the Lyric Theater in Pell City. . . . **Lieutenant Colonel John E. Atkinson** is enrolled in the USAF Special Staff School's academic instructor course, Air University's teacher preparation program, at Craig AF Base. Upon completion of the course Colonel Atkinson will return to Maxwell AF Base. . . . **William Lawson McCulloch** is superintendent of maintenance with the Zia Company in Los Alamos, New Mexico. A veteran of service in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, Mr. McCulloch is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. . . . **Kenneth M. Funchess** is assistant county agent for the A.P.I. Extension Service in Limestone County. Mr. Funchess' office is in Athens.

## 1941

**Jesse Richard Waldrop** has opened a new interior decorating service, Waldrop Interiors, in Auburn. Prior to coming to Auburn, Mr. Waldrop worked with Rich's in Atlanta. He received further training in interior decorating after leaving A.P.I. at Parsons School of Interior Decorating, New York City. . . . **Lieutenant Commander William Gallagher** has moved to Alexandria, Virginia. . . . **Frank William Graham** is teaching in Daytona Beach, Florida.

## 1942

**BIRTH:** A son was born to Captain and Mrs. Hugh L. Sinclair, of Maxwell AF Base, on April 18. Captain Sinclair is a member of the class of '42.

**Thomas Edward "Tom" Harris, Jr.**, is division force requirements supervisor, traffic department, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, in Nashville, Tennessee. A veteran of service in the Army during World War II, Mr. Harris holds membership in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. . . . **Dr. Hugh Lincoln** is assistant professor of dairy marketing at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Cook is doing both research and teaching. . . . **Edgar C. Gentle, Jr.**, is now with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Mobile. . . . **Thurston Nelson** is principal of Hartford Junior High School, Hartford. . . . **Navy Lieutenant James A. Warren** is supply officer on the USS Karin, in Honolulu. . . . **AF Major Thomas L. Burson** is commanding officer of the 18th Maintenance Squadron, 24th Maintenance Group of Headquarters, 6208th Depot Wing at Clark AF Base, in the Philippines. . . . **Ralph Orian Kiper** has his own architectural firm in Shreveport, Louisiana.

## 1943

**MARRIED:** Marilyn Rosenberg, of Hollywood, California, to William S. Cohen, '43, of Los Angeles, California, in Hollywood on April 16.

**Captain Walter B. Patton** is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. . . . **Mrs. Ellis F. Porch**, the former Wynona Parker, is home economist for Air Engineers, Inc., in Birmingham. . . . **William Bailey, III**, who graduated from A.P.I. in electrical engineering, has moved from Sheffield to Florence.

## 1944

**BIRTH:** A son, Malcolm Burke, III, was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Horrell, Jr., of Montgomery, on April 20. Mr. Horrell is a member of the class of '44.

**MARRIED:** Mary Hazel Ford, '44, of Louisville, Kentucky, to The Reverend James Loyd Moon, also of Louisville, on May 23.

**Alice Mae Chateau** is in the accounting department of Shell Oil Company at New Orleans, Louisiana. . . . **Dr. Gilbert L. Raulston** practices veterinary medicine at Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he has his own animal hospital. Dr. Raulston is a member of the Chattanooga Auburn Club. . . . **Dr. Erston S. Cox** now lives at Arab.

## 1945

**BIRTH:** A son, Charles Hixon, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Holly Mitchell, of Auburn, on April 16. Mr. Mitchell is a member of the class of '48, and Mrs. Mitchell, the former Dorothy Jean Nichols, holds membership in the class of '45.

**William Reynolds Ireland** has been elected president of the Atlanta Aggregate Company, Atlanta, Georgia. . . . **Mrs. Eli Nelson**, the former Julia Woodroof, resides in Athens.

## 1946

**BIRTHS:** A daughter, Susan Ruth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ned Varner, of Savannah, Georgia, on April 6. Mr. Varner is a member of the class of '49, and Mrs. Varner is the former Cora Sue Tatum, '46. . . . A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Horsley, of Lindale, Georgia, on April 20. Mr. Horsley is a member of the class of '46.

**John Franklin Todd** is manager of the Washington, D. C., office of Group Insurance, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance. (continued on back page)

## Do You Remember?

# Days Long Past . . .

### Ten Years Ago

. . . Auburn-Opelika Radio Station WJHO began full-time operation on June 12, 1940. At that time WJHO had its main studio near Opelika and another studio in Auburn. . . . **Knox McMillan**, '33, assistant professor of English at A.P.I. in 1940, took graduate work at the University of North Carolina during the summer of that year. . . . **Dr. Charles B. Glenn**, '91, former superintendent of Birmingham's public schools, visited the campus in June, '40. . . . **Dr. George Wheeler**, '99, of Montgomery, one of the most loyal and enthusiastic supporters Auburn has ever had, died on June 28, 1940. . . . Announcement was made of the appointment of **Dr. Redding S. Sugg**, '14, as dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

### Fifteen Years Ago

. . . **C. W. Ashcraft**, '88, now deceased, resigned his position as executive vice president of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation in June, 1935, to resume his private business in Lauderdale County. . . . **Roy W. Moore**, '10, of New York City, was in his first year as president of the Canada Dry Company. . . . It was announced that **Louis O. Brackeen**, '27, now A.P.I. director of publicity, would take over

as editor of the A.P.I. Agricultural Extension Service on July 1, 1935. . . . **Dr. Bolling Hall Crenshaw**, '89, now deceased, completed his 44th year of consecutive service to his alma mater. Dr. Crenshaw was professor of mathematics at A.P.I.

### Twenty Years Ago . . .

. . . Emory University, Atlanta, had begun the construction of a \$3,000,000 church and auditorium named in memory of The Reverend Wilbur Fisk Glenn, '60, famous Methodist minister. . . . The Atlanta Auburn Club decided to hold

meetings on Wednesday of each week. . . . Construction of Textile Building, which now houses national headquarters of the Alumni Association, had been started. It was established that Textile would cost almost \$200,000.

### Thirty-five Years Ago . . .

. . . Auburn had, during the spring of 1915, 69 professors and instructors and 830 students. . . . **Dr. T. B. Howle**, '15, now city meat and milk inspector in Oxford, was elected manager of the '15 football team. . . . **P. R. Bidez**, '15, of Auburn, was elected captain of the 1915 football team.

## Alumnus of the Month

he held until organizing his own engineering company in 1940.

While working in the field of rural electrification, Mr. Persons developed more than 30,000 miles of rural electric lines in Alabama.

Chief radio consultant with the Office of War Information during World War II, Mr. Persons returned to Montgomery to take over an associate post on the Public Service Commission. In 1944 he was elected president of the Public Service Commission, and in 1948 was once more elected PSC

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president by one of the largest majorities ever given an Alabama public official.

The two other members of the Public Service Commission are Jimmy Hitchcock, '32, and C. C. "Jack" Owen, '39.

Mr. Persons is a former member of the board of directors, National Association of Broadcasters, and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery. Married to the former Alice McKeithen, he has two children, Elizabeth, 14, and Gordon, Jr., 20.

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# Alumnalities

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ance Company. . . . An exhibit of sculpture works by Mrs. J. L. Caraway, the former Jean Woodham, was shown in the A.P.I. School of Architecture and the Arts library during April. Mrs. Caraway lives in New York City. . . . Mrs. James M. Ward, Jr., the former Martha Harrell, lives in Tuscaloosa, where Mr. Ward is with the Tuscaloosa News. The Wards have an eight-months-old son.

## 1947

**BIRTHS:** A son, James Lewis, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis Pharr, Sr., of Fort Worth, Texas, on April 1. Mr. Pharr, a member of the class of '47, is attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. . . . A son, William Hugh, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Phillips, of Jackson, Mississippi, on March 1. Mrs. Phillips is the former Sara Jo Bryan, '47.

**MARRIED:** Nancy Ann Buchanan, of Louisville, Kentucky, to Leon Hays Andrews, '47, of Camden, at the South Louisville Presbyterian Church on May 6.

Clarence E. Caldwell, Jr., is with Atlantic Refining Company in Midland, Texas. . . . James W. Howland, who is in the employ of TVA, has been moving around quite a bit, but he plans to make Jackson, Tennessee, his headquarters henceforth. . . . Joe H. Appleton is a civil engineering instructor at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina. . . . Dale Wayne Parrish is county supervisor for the FHA, with offices in Jasper, Florida. . . . Ensign W. J. Wright, Jr., of Chincoteague, Virginia, sends his best wishes for a prosperous alumni fund drive. . . . Fred Donaldson, of Enterprise, has been elected secretary of the Enterprise Rotary Club. . . . William Joseph Roberts has received many honors while working toward his Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania. . . . Robert Reid Trapani is with Sears-Roebuck and Company in Augusta, Georgia. . . . John F. "Frank" Keown is inspection foreman, Wolverine Tube Division, Calumet and Hecla Consolidated Copper Company, in Augusta, Georgia. . . . John Thrash is teacher and coach at Macon County High School, Notasulga. . . . Culber Mack Shotts is with the Bureau of Entomology, USDA, Dublin, Georgia. . . . Captain Swift Tarbell is at Barksdale AF Base, Louisiana. Captain and

Mrs. Tarbell, the former Frances Stanley, have a three-months-old son, Swift, III. . . . Calvin Jones is an instructor in the A.P.I. department of zoology and entomology.

## 1948

**MARRIED:** Nelle Eugenia Padgett, '48, of Notasulga, to Sergeant James McCoy Harmon, of Craig Field, Selma, at the Notasulga Methodist Church on March 11. . . . Mary Ilene Stokes, of Lakeland, Georgia, to James O. Burgess, '48, of Waycross, Georgia, at the First Methodist Church in Waycross on March 18. Mr. Burgess is with the Enterprise Manufacturing Company in Waycross. . . . Julia Ann Sturkie, '48, of Auburn, to Lieutenant Edward Thomas Williams, '48, of Tallahassee, Florida, at the First Baptist Church in Auburn on April 13. Mrs. Williams is a member of Delta Zeta sorority, and Lieutenant Williams, of Sigma Nu fraternity. . . . Eleanor Jane Mims, '48, of Huntsville, to Charles Maynard Lovelace, Jr., of Memphis, Tennessee, on June 1. Mrs. Lovelace is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

John V. Landes, Jr., has been teaching history and English at Raphael Semmes Technical High School, Mobile, since January. Two other alumni are at Raphael Semmes: Robert Brantley and Robert Sanders, both '49. . . . James D. Heflin is in the employ



of Liberty National Life Insurance Company at Pell City. . . . John Andrew Pipkin is assistant county agent for Georgia's Terrell County, with headquarters at Dawson, Georgia. . . . Lieutenant Carl Lovett Houston is stationed at Lowry AF Base, Denver, Colorado. . . . Paul Taff is in the employ of U. S. Pipe and Foundry Company at Bessemer. . . . Robert S. Ingram is with the research department, Kentucky Chemical Industries of Cincinnati, Ohio, with offices in Salisbury, Maryland. . . . Bertram H. Silman is manager of Madame Evelyn, Incorporated, in Birmingham. Mr. Silman is also secretary of the corporation which owns Madame Evelyn. . . . A. J. Hill, A.P.I. economics instructor, has been elected vice president of the newly organized Auburn auxiliary of Alabama Society of Certified Accountants. . . . Alton B. McLeod is a claims adjuster with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Shreveport, Louisiana.

## 1949

**BIRTH:** A daughter, Linda Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Gaillard, of Birmingham, on April 5. Mr. Gaillard is a member of the class of '49, and Mrs. Gaillard, of the class of '50.

**MARRIED:** Beatrice Hester Watson, of Birmingham, to Eugene Truman DeRieux, '49, also of Birmingham, at Birmingham's First Baptist Church on April 29. Mr. DeRieux holds membership in Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. . . . Betty Louise Screws, of Opelika, to George Pierce Gaut, III, '49, of Birmingham, at the First Presbyterian Church in Montevallo on April 27. Mr. Gaut is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. . . . Mary Virginia Thomas, of Tuscaloosa, to Robert Larkin Turney, '49, of Blairsville, Pennsylvania, in May. Mr. Turney is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. . . . Mary Alice Godwin, '49, of Tallassee and Birmingham, to Dr. William C. Morgan, of Birmingham, at the Ensley Highland Presbyterian Church on April 22. . . . Patricia Ann Watters, '50, of Montgomery, to Thomas Newton Morgan, '49, of Mobile, at Montgomery's First Methodist Church on April 30. Mrs. Morgan is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and Mr. Morgan holds membership in Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. . . . Danny Sue Gibson, '50 of Tumia, Mississippi, to John Bullock Conner, '49, of Tuskegee, at the Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C., on May 13. Mr. Conner holds membership in Sigma Nu fraternity. . . . Maxine Thompson, '50, of Evergreen, to Lloyd McMurtrie, '49, of Huntsville, on April 16. Mr. McMurtrie is in the employ of the Huntsville Manufacturing Company.

Warren S. Craven operates and owns an orange grove at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. . . . William Frank Cook, Jr., is in the production control department of Saco-Lowell Shops at Sanford,

North Carolina. . . . Patricia A. Van Patten has received a commission as second lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps. Lieutenant Van Patten entered the Army in August, 1949, and upon completion of basic training was selected to attend the OCS at Camp Lee, Virginia, from which she obtained her com-



Lt. Van Patten's mission on April 11. At A.P.I., she was a member of Oracles, Kappa Delta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi. Mrs. Van Patten is a native of Opelika. . . . James W. Donald, formerly with Addressograph Company in Birmingham, has accepted a lieutenancy in the Army, and is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. . . . I. Mercer Tatum is an agent for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia at Opelika. . . . B. R. Lowe made an address to the April spring meeting of the Alabama section of American Society of Civil Engineers. Mr. Lowe is with the Alabama Building Commission in Montgomery. . . . Virginia C. Blanton is in the employ of the Orange Pharmacy at Orlando, Florida. . . . Lieutenant Leslie M. Stewart is stationed at Killeen AF Base, Texas. . . . Charles T. Hudson is an automotive engineer with Standard Oil Company at Jackson, Mississippi. . . . F. J. Tatum is an agent for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia at Montgomery. . . . William J. McMillan is a teacher in the Veterans Farm Training program at Cullman. . . . Leon A. Blackmon is with the Dyson Construction Company at Pensacola, Florida. . . . James P. Forrester is a member of the Birmingham News sports department. . . . Porter Aderholt, Jr., is a junior engineer with Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company, in Ensley. . . . Eldred Humphries is with Coates and Metz architectural firm at Fresno, California.

## Promotion for Fowler

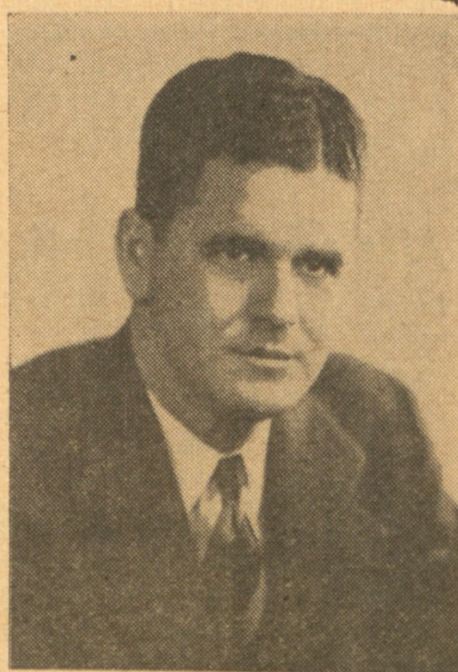
GORDON J. Fowler, '33, formerly of Riverside and Pell City, has been promoted to assistant sales manager of Caterpillar Tractor Company, Peoria, Illinois.

Born in Riverside, Mr. Fowler graduated from Pell City High School in 1929. After receiving his B. S. degree from Auburn, he joined the A.P.I. Agricultural Extension Service and for the next several years served as an assistant county farm agent, Boys State 4-H Club Leader, and state supervisor of emergency farm labor.

Mr. Fowler joined Caterpillar in 1944 as a sales trainee. He became district representative of Caterpillar's eastern division in 1945 and was transferred to the western division as district representative in January, 1946.

Before Mr. Fowler's appointment to the position in Peoria, he and Mrs. Fowler, the former Louise Davis, of Anniston, and their three children, Joan, 15, Jack, 13, and Robert, 10, lived in Fresno, California.

Mr. Fowler holds membership in



Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity and Kappa Delta Pi honorary educational fraternity.

## "Lepidoptera in the stomach"

# Attention, Principals

**AUTHORESS** Emily Wood Burt, '40, principal of Morningside Elementary School at Miami, Florida, and a veteran of 26 years in the teaching profession, has written an amazingly honest book, "Points for the Principal," which gives scores of do's and don'ts for school principals of every age and description.

Mrs. Burt, originally from Tuskegee and member of a well-known Auburn family, last year wrote "Tips to the teacher." Her newest, "Points for the Principal," just off the press, surpasses "Tips" in weaving together worthy advice and humor.

Favorable reviews have been given "Points for the Principal" by both the Miami Daily News and the Miami Herald.

### Snoopervisors

One of the educational profession's pet peeves is a snoopy principal. "Don't be a Snoopervisor," advises Mrs. Burt. "Don't creep just outside the door, stand until you think the teacher may be lagging in her efforts, and then suddenly pop into the room. Some teacher down the hall is sure to have seen you outside the door and will tell on you. Your restroom rating will be very low among your faculty."

Mrs. Burt states at another point in her book: "A principal should always be tolerant. A teacher should be free to go where she pleases and do what she wishes after school hours, as long as her actions are consistent with those of any other good citizen. It is not the business of the principal to

try to regulate and supervise the teacher's private life."

A principal can use her power in a humorous way to maintain discipline, Mrs. Burt indicates. "One principal," she says, "harassed and amused by the frequent appearance of first graders in her office, sent for misbehaving, found something that worked wonderfully well."

### Lepidoptera

"She would get an ominous expression on her face, roll her eyes heavenward, and say dolefully, 'Surely, you do not want me to have to bring a lepidoptera into this office?'"

"The first graders would be very much impressed and never make a return trip to the office."

"Lepidoptera (which really means a butterfly) seemed to strike terror even when used on a sixth grader," Mrs. Burt added. "Not a child has ever inquired what the word means, but each has his own secret interpretation."

Mrs. Burt's most recent product is illustrated with doo-dad straight line drawings, which add to its emphasized ideas.

Sister of James E. Wood, '33, of Atlanta, Mrs. Burt holds degrees, in addition to her Auburn M.S., from Troy State Teachers College and the University of Miami. Before becoming principal of Miami's Morningside Elementary School, she was dean of girls at Edison Elementary and Junior High School in Miami. She is a cousin of W. T. "Bill" Wood, '25, now deceased, who composed Auburn's alma mater song.